

Claims:

Applicant hereby requests cancellation of original claims 1 through 15.

5 Please add the following claims:

16. A lighter comprising:

a lighter housing,

a fuel tank, located within the lighter housing, for holding the fuel,

a piezoelectric unit for creating a spark,

a trigger, slidably mounted in the lighter housing, for activating the piezoelectric unit, the trigger having a stopper tab,

a fuel-release valve being spring loaded so as to be urged into the closed position,

a spring mechanism having a nonoperational position, an operational position, a first portion and a second portion, the first portion locks the trigger when the spring mechanism is in the nonoperational position, the second portion opens the fuel-release valve when the spring mechanism is in the operational position, the spring mechanism being urged into the nonoperational position, and

a safety button for moving the spring mechanism from the nonoperational position to the operational position.

17. A lighter comprising:

a lighter housing,

a fuel tank, located within said lighter housing for

holding fuel,

a piezoelectric unit for creating a spark,

a trigger, slidably mounted in the lighter housing for
activating the piezoelectric unit, said trigger having a
stopper tab,

a fuel-release valve being spring-loaded so as to be
urged into the closed position,

a spring mechanism having a non-operational position, an
operational position, a first portion and a second portion,
said first portion locks said trigger by interfering with
said stopper tab when said spring mechanism is in the non-
operational position, said second portion opens said fuel-
release valve when said spring mechanism is in said
operational position, said spring mechanism being biased into
said non-operational position, and

a safety button for moving said spring mechanism from
said non-operational position to said operational position by
moving said first portion of the spring mechanism out of
interference with said trigger to allow depression of said
trigger and activation of said piezoelectric unit.

REMARKS

Applicant has added two new claims to the application. No new
matter has been introduced through these amendments.

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